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Introduction of religious instruction in public educational institutions.

* 262 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to introduce religious instruction in all public educational institutions in this Presidency; and

(*b*) if so, when?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no such general proposal under consideration.

Rules made by the Director of Public Instruction reducing the percentage of promotions in high schools.

* 263 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has recently issued new rules as to the promotion of pupils in the high schools restricting the percentage of passes to a percentage lower than what it used to be in previous years; and

(*b*) whether copies of these rules will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) No such new rules restricting the percentage of passes has been issued by the Director.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Educational concessions granted to the dependants of sepoys during 1934–35.

* 264 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of concessions granted for the education of the soldiers' dependants in 1934–35;

(*b*) the total amount of expenditure incurred in that connexion under various heads; and

(*c*) similar figures and information regarding sepoys' dependants also?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The educational concessions admissible to the dependants of Indian, Anglo-Indian or European soldiers who took part in the Great War are—

(1) exemption from payment of fees in schools and colleges;

(2) grant of an allowance for books, etc., to children reading in schools; and

(3) exemption from payment of the fee for admission to Public Examinations (Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination or the European High School Examination as the case may be).

Figures showing the actual expenditure for the year 1934–35 are not yet available. The expenditure according to the revised estimate for the year was as shown below:—

	Institutions for Indians.	Institutions for Anglo-Indians and Europeans.
Concession No. (1).	The expenditure in institutions under local bodies is met by the local body concerned, while that in aided schools is made good to the management along with the teaching grants: separate figures are not available.	..
Concession No. (2).	Rs. 20,500	Rs. 14,400 in the aggregate; separate figures under each of the concessions are not available.
Concession No. (3).	Rs. 700	

Cost and nature of the educational concessions granted to the dependants of sepoys in 1934–35.

* 265 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature of concessions granted for the education of sepoys' dependants in 1934–35; and

(*b*) the total cost incurred in 1934–35 in that connexion under the various heads thereon?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 264.

Educational scholarships provided for by the Labour Department.

* 266 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that several schools are not paying the scholarships for which provision has been made by the Labour Department, in view of the half-fee concessions under rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the Local and Municipal Department passed orders under date 9th March 1935 that full fees should be recovered; and

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the schools put pressure on several of the students and collected full fees from them when they applied for transfer certificates and that several amounts of scholarships are still undisbursed?